



# FireNetOnline Update

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FNO Members,

*Welcome* to this edition of FNO Update, brought to you by **Security Central** and **National Training Center**. The following news reflects recent forum additions and programs related to FNO operations. It is our desire to serve your needs in the best way possible, so if you should have any questions, please send them along to [firenetonline@tpromo2.com](mailto:firenetonline@tpromo2.com).

## I. Hackers Sabotage *FNO Photo Gallery*



Yes, you heard it right. Early last week hackers entered [www.ToganX.info](http://www.ToganX.info) and sabotaged every single php- and html-based web file on the server, including FNO’s new photo gallery. The malicious source code planted on those pages was designed to download a virus file into the surfer’s computer. We were able to log the complicit URL and we’re not talking to the authorities about the situation. It will be some time until ToganX.info is back up and running.

I have taken steps to better assure the integrity of ToganX.info so that in the future this will not occur. Of course, no one can make guarantees, but it won’t be for not trying. In the near future we will begin building this great addition to FNO. In the mean time, put together some great pictures and when we get the photo gallery back up and running, I’ll be glad to help you upload them to FNO’s photo gallery.

## II. The Poll Forum: Dedicated Breaker with Lockouts



After a month and one week, seven of several hundred legitimate FNO members voted on the issue of dedicated breakers and lockouts. The question was: *Do you*

*install your new fire alarm panels such that power is derived from a dedicated circuit with a lockout on the breaker?* Preliminary results as of April 20, 2008:

- 28% YES
- 14% NO
- 42% Dedicated breaker only, no lockout
- 14% Sometimes

After casting his vote, Nick Markowitz made the comment: “This requirement is not as critical as it once was with the old Series AC Systems where a breaker shut off disabled it. Today’s panels are suppose to have...”

To read the remainder of his comments, go to the poll forum on the BBS. Also, if you haven’t voted on this important issue yet, please do so.

Other polls in the Poll Forum include:

- What is the number one cause of fire deaths in the home?
- Smoke detector compatibility
- Would you forego the permit process for the sake of money?
- What do you do when the client refuses to pay to fix it?
- The two most common types of fire

### III. Buy-Sell-Trade Forum



Having power problems with your fire and burglar alarm system? John Pecore is an expert in the area of power quality, or should I say “quality power?” John recently initiated a number of informative posts.

In a recent post entitled *Power Quality Engineering Site Survey*, he says, “Yes I do this as well. I come up with my best ideas this way. Sometimes you need help, rather your customer needs help in all areas, not just yours. It appears that lightning is doing it's dastardly deed and there doesn't seem to be an answer no matter what you do or have tried to do. It also appears that your customer's other equipment is suffering as well.” Not only does John offer wares for sale in his most recent entries in the Buy-Sell-Trade Forum, but offers some valuable information.

	For more information on John’s services, go to <a href="http://www.storminprotection.com">www.storminprotection.com</a>		For more information on Nick Markowitz, go to <a href="http://www.nickmarkowitz.com">www.nickmarkowitz.com</a>
John Pecore		Nick Markowitz	

If you have special knowledge in this area, please share it with other FNO members by adding it to this message thread on the discussion board. And don't forget to post your wares in the Buy-Sell-Trade Forum when you do your spring cleaning. It's free, it's fast, and it's fun!

#### IV. Long Island Alarm Association Promotes Mike Sokoly

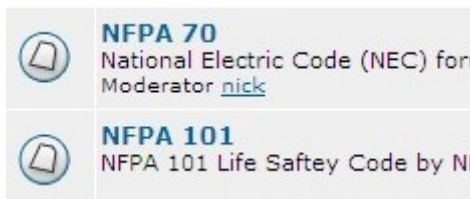
Recently Mike Sokoly was promoted to a position on the Board of Directors of the Long Island Alarm Association. "I'll be co-chairing the Education and Trailing Committee," says FNO member Sokoly.

When you see Mike on the BBS, be sure to congratulate him. You can also send him an e-mail via the membership list. Look for Secure15 on the roster and either choose internal mail or external e-mail.



#### V. Moderators Needed

FireNetOnline is looking for a few good people to be moderators of several forums. You can easily spot the available forums by the lack of a moderator listing under the forum titles. Here's a good example of a forum with a moderator and one without:



As you can see, Nick Markowitz is assigned to the NFPA 70 forum while no one is listed under the NFPA 101 forum. If you believe you have what it takes to be a good FNO Moderator, please contact us at [firenetonline@tpromo2.com](mailto:firenetonline@tpromo2.com).

#### VI. New FNO Links Page in the works

A new FNO Links Page will offer your favorite links, be it your favorite fire equipment supplier, favorite book seller, alma matter, and other websites you use during the course of everyday work. Soon we will add a page to our main website at [www.firenetonline.com](http://www.firenetonline.com) where you can enter your links with a brief description. When that happens you will receive an e-mail specific to that issue.

## VII. Fire Protection Information via e-CommKiosk.com



For our fire protection and safety members, you will find a compliment of news items and other resources on e-CommKiosk.com. Here are a few links to segments that relate to fire protection. Please feel free to submit news and other information for inclusion on e-CommKiosk.com by sending it to [press@tpromo.com](mailto:press@tpromo.com).

Fire Service: <http://tpromo.com/secmis-priv2/?cat=23>

Fire Department: <http://tpromo.com/secmis-priv2/?cat=31>

Fire Equipment:

Fire Events:

Life Safety: <http://tpromo.com/secmis-priv2/?cat=4>

False Fire Alarm: <http://tpromo.com/secmis-priv2/?cat=77>

Fire Alarms: <http://tpromo.com/secmis-priv2/?cat=28>

Fire Prevention: <http://tpromo.com/secmis-priv2/?cat=74>

Medical: <http://tpromo.com/secmis-priv2/?cat=57>

Training & Education: <http://tpromo.com/secmis-priv2/?cat=138>

## VIII. FirePro Finder



Those of you who are relatively new to FireNetOnline, you are entitled to a listing in our FirePro Finder Chart at [www.firepros.tpromo.com](http://www.firepros.tpromo.com). This chart is intended to be a point of contact for our members who want to be found on the Internet. We promote this chart with the search engines as well as e-CommKiosk.com.

If you're interested in a free listing, please send me your name, phone, e-mail, address, company or department name, the web address to your main website, and a short biography. Let the world know you're ready and available to be of service. Send your information to [firenetonline@tpromo2.com](mailto:firenetonline@tpromo2.com).

## IX. Security e-News Service



For those who like to stay current with security and life safety news, the Security e-News Service at [www.securitynews.com](http://www.securitynews.com) offers more than 20 news feeds in the fire and security market place. It's a great way to start your day. Give it a try!

## X. In Conclusion



FireNetOnline is U'r BBS, not just Tpromo.com's. Let it work for you by contributing information, ideas, and by asking questions. Don't hesitate to help others when they ask for a leg up on an issue that you know well. You'll find that what you get is usually in proportion to what you give.

If you need help, ask for it and you'll find many of our members ready and willing to help. Do you know other fire professionals who could use this service? Pass our link along to them: [www.FireNetOnline.com](http://www.FireNetOnline.com).

Contact me any time you need advice or help in navigating the BBS. We'll keep the BBS on 4 U.

Regards,

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